

Lyons Public Library
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Weeding Policy and Procedure

In an effort to maintain a relevant, popular, and appealing collection, the library engages in ongoing evaluation of owned materials. This selection criteria, the *CREW* method, and other best practices are used when evaluating collections. Weeding or de-selection of materials is critical to collection maintenance and involves the removal of resources from the collection. All materials are considered for weeding based on the accuracy, currency, and relevancy. Space limitations, edition, format, and physical condition are also considered when evaluating all materials.

While reports and automation have made weeding easier, evaluating collections should be executed with a trained librarian, as certain titles (classics, local interest, award winners, and series) may be worth keeping on the shelves despite low statistics- especially if it is the only one in the consortium.

The library continually withdraws materials, and said materials are donated to the Friends of the Lyons Library for book sales. The proceeds are used for the benefit of the library. Books not sold will be disposed of at the discretion of the Friends of the Lyons Library.

While weeding is essential to the development process, it should not be used as a de-selection tool for controversial materials. (See the "Library Bills of Rights")

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